

REMARKS

This amendment is offered in response to the Office Action of March 28, 2005.

The Office Action rejected Claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by the Richardson reference (U.S. Patent No. 3,701,192), but indicated that all other claims were allowed or allowable.

Claim 4 has been rewritten to include the elements of Claim 5 (indicated as allowable), thereby obviating the rejection over the Richardson reference.

For all of the reasons above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are in immediate condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections of the claims, to allow the claims, and to pass this application to early issue.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald E. Brown", with a stylized, sweeping flourish at the end.

Ronald E. Brown  
Registration No. 32,200

212.297.5800  
Pitney Hardin LLP  
7 Times Square  
New York, NY 10036-7311